

# Governor Mitch Daniels Gives Department of Correction Kudos for First Meth Unit Launch

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Gov. Mitch Daniels, Superintendent John Van Natta, and Commissioner J David Donahue

Indianapolis, IN -- A new program aimed to keep meth offenders clean was launched yesterday by the Department of Correction at the Miami Correctional Facility in Bunker Hill. Governor Mitch Daniels was the keynote guest at the facility and spoke to a group of over 100 people, including the parole board, judges, law enforcement officers, media, and program participants about his hopes of erasing meth in Indiana.

The program is called CLIFF, or “Clean Lifestyle Is Freedom Forever.” Therefore, fifteen hours a day, seven days a week, participants will learn skills they hope will help them lead a clean life when they are

released. The program will be in a self-contained wing of the prison that can hold up to 204 inmates.

Governor Daniels commended Commissioner Donahue for his fast-paced approach to launching this program in 30 days from the time of initial discussion.

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"If this venture succeeds, we would've done something meaningful," he added.

Daniels met with each offender and offered his support. He plans to attend the graduation of offenders in nine months.

Commissioner Donahue plans to add several new meth units between now and 2006, at no additional cost to the tax-payers.

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